



DORSET FIRE DISTRICT

Dorset Volunteer Fire Dept.
Dorset Water Co.

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DORSET FIRE DISTRICT #1

October 14, 2019

Present: Ben Weiss, Chairman, Milt McWayne, Roger Squire, Abbott de Rham (by phone), Lee Fox, Shawn Hazelton (Fire Chief), Rob Gaiotti (Town Manager)

Absent:

Others Present: Ginny Longacre

Ben Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of September Minutes

R. Squire moved and M. McWayne seconded to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 (B. Weiss & L. Fox abstained).

Engineer's Report (Kepler)

G. Kepler reported on the status of the gravel well project noting that additional well work was completed with successful water clarity. Green Mountain Well Drillers estimated the yield at 29-30 GPM and it is recommended to move forward with the source test application and source testing. B. Weiss asked if the pump would be a variable speed and G. Kepler responded that the pump can be throttled for speed and would be expected to work 24 hours/day for 7 days/week at that rate. G. Kepler is to email A. de Rham the well testing results. Base nighttime flow rates are trending slightly lower as shown on the graphs, but it is difficult to tell whether leak repair or residents leaving for the winter are the cause. L. Fox has requested log in information for the water monitoring web site. L. Fox moved and R. Squire seconded to accept the Engineer's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Manger's and Water Operator's Report (Gaiotti)

It was reported:

- Reservoir has been full and production is approximately 85 GPM.
- Leak repairs for Dorset West north, 143-155 Dorset Hollow, and Route 30 north are scheduled for October.

- Consideration should be given to incentivizing multi-line users to repair their lines with individual service lines by replacing them on a larger, two inch main installed by the DFD. Discussion included: extension of mains for fire protection, the need for a study if extended beyond a certain length, boring underground rather than excavation for pipe replacement and giving thought to creating a policy for multi-user line upgrades.
- Curb stops have been repaired on Kent Hill Road.
- Sanitary Survey has been done and report is to follow. G. Kepler will submit the moratorium letter when appropriate.
- The new fire truck is insured and it would be prudent to move the training trailer to a new location. B. Weiss asked about PFOA foams and S. Hazelton responded that they did not use PFOA foams. A. de Rham stressed that the Fire Department needs to know the rules/regulations concerning the use of foam-based substances.
- B. Weiss asked if the leak at the metering station is fixed and R. Gaiotti replied yes.

M. McWayne moved and L. Fox seconded to accept the DFD Manager's Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief's Report (Hazelton)

S. Hazelton presented the report from the Fire Department and listed the calls and locations for September 13th to October 13th. S. Hazelton explained that a minimum of five firefighters need to be present at a fire call in answer to B. Weiss' question. Discussion ensued regarding the training trailer usage and location.

R. Squire moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the Fire Chief's report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Department and Water Company Financials (Gaiotti)

R. Gaiotti reviewed the monthly financial reports and the fund balances are good. The new fire truck was paid in full without having to finance the balance. R. Gaiotti will get a quote for paving the parking lot of the fire house when he does the paving bid for the Town. L. Fox moved and R. Squire seconded to accept the Finance Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

New Water Initiatives (Weiss)

- **Multi-user Service Line Upgrades & Incentives**
- **District Ownership of Plumbing from Main to Curb Stop**
B. Weiss explained that the Board should consider having the Water Company legally take ownership of the water lines from the curb stop to the main when pipes are repaired on a multi-user line. A. de Rham expressed concern that this would not be fair to clients on a single user line. B. Weiss suggested that this might not be specific to multi-user lines, but be done as upgrades are accomplished. R. Gaiotti noted that J. Barlow recommended creating an ordinance that would cover this situation. A. de Rham stated that the Water Company would also have to have a

recorded right-of-way and R. Gaiotti responded that J. Barlow would include an easement as part of the transaction. Discussion ensued regarding installing eight-inch mains in order to add more users & supply hydrants; achieving future fire protection at the lowest cost; having a larger pipe is only the difference in cost of materials; the current hydraulic model (tank); and evaluate larger pipe on a case by case scenario. A per user incentive was suggested with a budget line item to cover it and capped at a certain amount. A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to have J. Barlow create an ordinance covering the take over of multi-user lines as replaced back to the main. Motion carried 4-0 (R. Squire abstained).

Old Business

- Advertising Brush Truck for Sale ~ B. Weiss suggested placing the truck out in front of the fire house with a for sale sign.
- It was the consensus of the Board to sell the tank & pumper to the East Dorset Fire Department for \$1,500.
- Discussion resumed about the brush truck sale & placing the truck on Ebay. S. Hazelton is to get pictures of the truck to A. de Rham and the truck is to be listed at approximately \$5,000 with a \$4,000 reserve.
- L. Fox asked about the status of meter installation. G. Kepler responded that there were many pieces to consider and it depends on what is most important and makes the most sense to the Board. R. Gaiotti noted that commercial metering should be done first to learn more about water consumption. B. Weiss stated that a goal for the next meeting is to have information from Chris Hayes regarding the specifications for commercial meters, costs and how quickly they can be installed. Another ordinance for meters can be written by J. Barlow. R. Gaiotti said that meter installation might be a good investment for the Water Company. A suggestion was to get a group price for installation to lower costs. L. Fox also asked about in-filling/density in the Village center with regard to the new Town Plan.

New Business

S. Hazelton submitted a list of major expense items for the Fire Department for consideration within the next eight years (for budget additions).

- AT & T service for tablets (3 x \$20 per tablet)
- Add new LED light and plumbing cover on the new truck. A. de Rham felt that the cover was a manufacturer's problem and S. Hazelton should pursue them to fix without cost to the DFD.
- New liner for chimney ~ S. Hazelton is to research and price the best way to handle chimney repair – repair entire chimney or just a stainless-steel liner.
- Hose testing yearly to save 1 point on ISO ~ A de Rham recommended that yearly testing procedures should be written and run through as a regiment on a regular basis.
- Pump testing and ladder inspections

- Grants for dry hydrants (locations at the quarry, West Road & brook near Rupert)
- See attached sheet for remainder of expense items

S. Hazelton informed the Board that the firemen had their meeting for the annual election of Officers. Nine members were present and the nominations voted in were:

Shawn Hazelton	Chief
Joe Clark	1 st Assistant Chief
Jacob Gribble	2 nd Assistant Chief
Dave Greene	Treasurer
Joe Clark	Secretary

A. de Rham moved and R. Squire seconded to move to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried 5-0.

A. de Rham moved and M. McWayne seconded to adjourn Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Fox moved and M. McWayne seconded to accept the nominated firefighters for the election of Officers as submitted. Motion carried 5-0.

Accounts Payable Warrants

It was the consensus of the Board to review invoices and sign monthly accounts payable.

B. Weiss moved and R. Squire seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Aversano

Major expense items for Fire with-in 8 years

1) AT&T service for tablets	\$20 per tablet times 3 for a total of	\$720
2) Paving front and side of firehouse		???
3) Snow rain diverts on roof at station		???
4) Hose testing yearly to save 1 point on ISO		\$2,900 \$3,000
* 5) Add light and plumbing cover on new truck		\$1,615 \$4,237
6) With in 3 to 4 years 6 of the 12 air packs will need to be replaced		???
7) With in 7 to 8 years replace ETA 512 with another truck		???
8) Possible furnace replacement or over haul of heating system		???
9) Replace windows to more efficient		???
10) Paving rear of station		???
11) Redo up grade sinks in restrooms		???
12) Pump testing of apparatus annually		\$850
* 13) New liner for chimney falling apart blocking exhaust from furnace		Now
14) Grants for Dry Hydrants		25% cost with 5000